

Berkeley don't seem to understand so well, Mr. Speaker.

I want to make sure that went into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but overall is this, we need to grow the size of the energy pie. We need to drill in ANWR because that's our oil, and there's no better place it could be. We need to go to the Outer Continental Shelf and drill the Outer Continental Shelf where we have 406 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. And that natural gas, by the way, is 90 percent of the feedstock that's required, 90 percent of the overall cost to produce nitrogen, which is the fertilizer foundation for the food we eat. We should not be dependent upon the Venezuelans or the Russians for their fertilizer that would essentially slow down or potentially control the food in the world.

We should pass a fair tax so that we can take our tax off of all production and put it on consumption. And we should not do class envy things like a temporary patch for this alternative minimum tax that turns it into a permanent tax increase of \$82.5 billion. We should not pay for temporary tax cuts with permanent tax increases.

We should not be subsidizing health insurance for kids and families that are making \$103,000 a year or more. We should be rewarding those that work better than those that don't so we can maintain this vitality of American exceptionalism.

And we should be downright grateful that we have had in the past, but not today, a logical immigration policy that was designed to enhance the economic, the social, and the cultural well-being of the United States of America and reached out across the world, and from every country, from every civilization, we received the cream of the crop. The people that came here had to overcome burdens and hurdles and difficulties to get here. That meant they had to have a dream. They had to have a dream that sometimes they sold themselves into servitude to come here and maybe for 7 years they worked to pay off their passage into the United States.

I have a great-great-grandfather, multiple greats back, that did that and landed in Baltimore as an indentured servant. But the people that had a dream found a way to come here, and those that sorted themselves out from their societies, and maybe it was for religious freedom and maybe it was for economic freedom, and hopefully it was for both, they came here and established a culture that's a Judeo-Christian Western civilization culture that recognizes that this is a great country that protects individuals' rights.

And we have, because we've skimmed the cream off of the Nations in the world and brought their vitality here and because we have the rights that are identified in the Bill of Rights and in our Constitution, because we have a Judeo-Christian Western civilization, Protestant work ethic culture that the Catholics have done a great job of

jumping on board with and a number of other denominations as well, we have this vitality here that makes us the unchallenged greatest Nation in the world.

And it's our duty, Mr. Speaker, to preserve and protect and promote that great blessing that we have inherited here. That's our duty on the floor of this Congress. That's what should come to the floor as the policy unfolds, not class envy but lifting each of us up and keeping faith with God and with our Founders.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the privilege to address you and the floor of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. JONES of Ohio) at 4 p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today from noon to 2 p.m.

Mr. HOBSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, November 16.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, November 16.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4067. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Maryland [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0028] received October 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4068. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Strategic Materials Protection Board's report from its July 17 meeting, pursuant to Public Law 109-364, section 843; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4069. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4070. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE [Docket ID FEMA-2007-0003] (RIN: 1660-AA00) received November 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4071. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — FLOOD MITIGATION GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING [Docket ID FEMA-2006-0010] (RIN: 1660-AA36) received November 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4072. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — HUD Office of Hearings and Appeals Conforming Amendments; and Technical Correction to Part 15 Regulations [Docket No. FR-5137-F-01] (RIN: 2501-AD32) received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4073. A letter from the Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final